

Wesleyan College

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Student Trustee

Wesleyan College Trustees, at their annual Spring meeting on May 13, voted to add a student to the board, with full voting privileges, if it is legally permissible.

The executive committee is now studying implementation of the proposal, which provides that the student representative be the duly elected president of the Student Government Association, to serve one year.

The Board also elected two members, Randolph W. Thrower, of Atlanta, and Mrs. James R. Webb, of Columbus, Ga. Mr. Thrower served on the Board from 1960 to 1969, when he was appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue by President Nixon. He resigned recently to return to his private law practice. Mrs. Webb (Emily Hearn, AB, '42), former president of the Wesleyan Alumnae Association, is the wife of a Methodist Minister.

Establishment of four endowed funds was approved, the Reginald and Frankie Trice Endowed Fund, the Golden Anniversary Class of 1920 Scholarship Fund, the Grace L. Hightower Endowed Fund, and the Pro-



Trice



Strickland

fessor Joseph Maerz Endowed Fund for scholarships to deserving music students.

Millard A. Beckum, Jr., Appointed Wesleyan's Director of Admissions

An important new officer of administration has been announced by President W. Earl Strickland.

Millard A. Beckum, Jr. assumed his duties as Director of Admissions on May 1, succeeding Allen Sanders. He comes to Wesleyan from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he had served as assistant director of admissions since 1968. He held this same position formerly at LaGrange College, from which he was graduated.

A native of Augusta, Ga., Mr. Beckum is married to the former Miss Suzanne Forbes, of Atlanta. They have two children, Catherine Kimberly, 3, and David Forbes, 1.

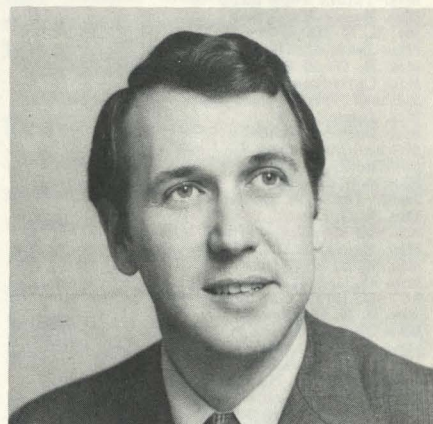
Mr. Sanders resigned after nine years at Wesleyan to become vice president and Chaplain at Hart's Mortuary in Macon.

Continuing to be employed by Wesleyan as Field Representatives are Miss

Two men who have served Wesleyan long and well were honored by the board. The recreation room in the Olive Swann Porter Building was named the Reginald Trice Recreation Center in honor of Chairman Trice, a member of the board since 1956, and recently retired after eight years as chairman of the Georgia State Highway Board.

The conference room in the Willet Memorial Library was named the W. Earl Strickland Conference Room in honor of Wesleyan's president for the past twelve years. The library was dedicated in May, 1968.

Sandi Eversole, Mrs. Sarah Jones, and Mrs. Shirley Richardson. Three



graduating seniors have also been added in this capacity: Debbie Clements, Virginia Williamson, and Marjorie Bowen.

The Admissions Office, in its attractive new quarters in Porter Building, is busy interviewing prospective students and parents. Alumnae and other friends are urged to recommend high school students, as well as transfers from other colleges.

A number of young "Spring Fling" visitors have been sending in applications. Susan Ray, a junior at Perry (Ga.) High School, in her column, "What's New", in Perry's weekly newspaper, wrote a glowing account of her "Spring Fling" weekend at Wesleyan. She concluded: "I am totally convinced that on a clear day you can see Wesleyan forever, for it seems to be in the direction which promises the greatest rewards, the surest fulfillment of the hopes and aspirations of young women."

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Name New Faculty

Dr. Earl F. Bargainnier, native of Douglas, Ga., has been named Chairman of the Department of English. He is a graduate of The Citadel, and earned his PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the field of Victorian Literature. His doctoral thesis was on "W. S. Gilbert and 19th Century Drama". A Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Dr. Bargainnier has taught English at The Citadel and at Southwest Baptist College in Missouri. He left the US Army as a first lieutenant in 1963. He is 35, and single, is interested in music and drama, and is the author of several literary critiques.

A new addition to the Art Department is William G. Crist. Born in Pocatello, Idaho, he received his AB from the University of Washington (Washington State), and his MA from Cranbrooke Academy, Michigan. He will teach sculpture and art history. Mr. Crist, 34, served in the US Army in Korea and Japan, is married and has one child.

Miss Cornelia Shiver, teacher at Wesleyan since 1952, has been appointed chairman of the History Department until her retirement two years hence. An alumna of '25, she earned her MA at Northwestern University, and has studied further at

She's "Outstanding"

A junior art major, Nancy Jackson was chosen one of the Ten Outstanding College Girls of America in a nation-wide contest conducted by Glamour Magazine. She has been selected to appear on the cover of the August issue, which will feature special photographs of the girls.

A native of Cartersville, Ga., Nancy will serve next year as president of the Social Activities Council, the student group which sponsored her in the contest. This month the ten top girls are enjoying a ten-day tour of Portugal as guests of the magazine.

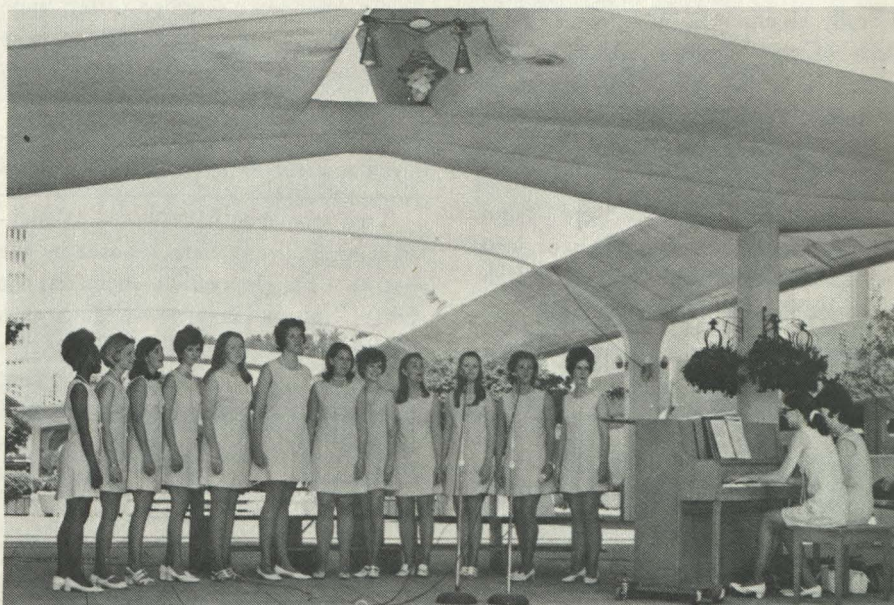
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Choral Concert

In partial fulfillment of the requirements for her Doctoral degree Miss Sylvia Ross, of the music faculty, directed a choral concert by the Wesleyan Singers Sunday evening, May 2, in Porter Auditorium.

the University of California, Duke and Columbia. She is from Americus, Ga.

Dr. Joseph B. James, Academic Dean since 1958, is now Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Political Science. He has just ended his tenure as president of Pi Gamma Mu social science honor society, held since 1963.



SING ON MALL

The popular Wesleyannes perform on the open air stage of Lenox Square shopping center mall celebrating first Independent College Week, May 17-22.

ng" Dickey Is Awarded Honorary Degree At Wesleyan's 132nd Commencement

The honorary degree of Doctor of Literature was conferred on James Dickey, southern poet and author, by President W. Earl Strickland at Wesleyan's 132nd commencement exercises Sunday morning, May 30.

Mr. Dickey delivered the commencement address to 100 seniors receiving degrees. His subject was "How Can you Possibly . . .?", or "Remarks on Guilt, Joy, and the Quality of Life."

Acclaimed as America's most widely-read poet and winner of many prizes, with five published volumes of collected poems, Mr. Dickey is former poetry consultant to the Library of Congress. A critic and teacher, he is poet in residence at the University of South Carolina. His recent best-selling novel, "Deliverance", for which he later wrote the motion picture script, is now being filmed in North Georgia, with Burt Lancaster as star.

Appearing at Wesleyan in January to read his poetry at the opening of "Project 71: The Cultural Revolution" and conduct seminars next day, he was brought back to the campus by popular demand.

Taking his subject from his first sentence, "How can you possibly stand there and eat that ice-cream cone when children are being firebombed in Viet Nam?", Mr. Dickey developed the thesis that modern man lives in a permeating climate of guilt because he assumes the possibility of perfection in human affairs.

"If we wait for perfection — medical perfection, political perfection, perfection of international policy, perfec-

tion of any and all kinds touching upon human affairs — we have doomed ourselves and our emotional lives irrevocably . . . We must find our joys, our exaltations, among the conditions where we find ourselves."

We should do our best to right the wrongs of the world, said the speaker, but not without some knowledge of limits, some acceptance of what we really can do, and equal acceptance of what is impossible to us.

"I believe very much in social action. But I will not have the few moments of joy in the only life I will ever have contaminated by people who profess to find me guilty of the ills of the world, of creating the problem of racial discrimination, of firebombing children in Viet Nam . . .

"What we want more than anything else is a sense of our personal worth, and it is only the weak and cowardly who attempt to get a synthetic form of this from imposing a sense of guilt in others."

In this "era of moral blackmail", he made a plea that some part of our lives be absolutely private, not contaminated by what happens in the public world, in order to attain "moments of assurance and delight."

Mr. Dickey's is the eleventh honorary degree granted by Wesleyan since its founding in 1836. The first was given in 1918, the last in 1964. In 1943 the college honored the three famous Soong Sisters (including Mme. Chiang Kai-shek). with the Doctor of Law degree.

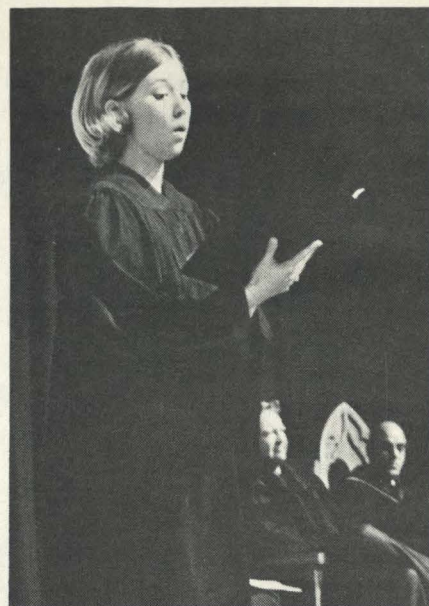
Honored By Pi Delta Epsilon

First woman to be elected to the Grand Council of Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalism fraternity, is Dr. Leah A. Strong, professor of American Studies at Wesleyan. The Council consists of five.

Senior Sharron Mays, Milwood, Ga., was awarded the Medal of Merit

and a national citation by the Grand Council. Editor of T and C, T and C "Girl of the Year", etc., she maintained highest grades in her class for four years.

Earlier Dr. Strong was elected one of three Delegates-at-Large to the Executive Committee of the Southern Humanities Conference.



WINNER ON PROGRAM

Ann Perkins sings "Gloria" at Commencement Exercises. Seated are Mr. Dickey and President Strickland.

Ann Perkins, junior voice major, became the nation's top collegiate artist in voice when she won first place at the National Music Teachers Convention held in Chicago in March. Representing the Southeast, Ann competed against six other regional contestants, all of whom were graduate music students; two had just returned from a year of post graduate study abroad. She received a scholarship prize of \$1000.

She is a student of Norman McLean. When Ann performed at the main meeting of the convention she was accompanied by Jane McGrath, a piano student of Miss Linda Lane.

A TV program, "About Music and Wesleyan", will feature Ann on Friday, July 30, at 9 p.m., on Georgia's statewide ETV network. She will be introduced by Prof. McLean. This half hour will appear on Channel 15 —Cochran for the Macon area and local papers may be checked for other outlets.

Ann sang on Alumnae Day, and also on the Commencement program.

Dedicate Yearbook

The 1971 Veterropt, Wesleyan's year book, was dedicated to Dr. Leon Jacques Villard, Hightower professor of music and chairman of the department. Becky Edenfield is editor.

Autographs at Tea

Alumna Betsy Hopkins Fancher, '49, of Atlanta, autographed her new book, "The Lost Legacy of Georgia's Golden Isles", at a tea at Wesleyan May 19. She was the speaker that day at the annual luncheon of the Federated Garden Clubs of Macon, Inc. Mrs. W. Earl Strickland, wife of Wesleyan's president, heads the organization.

Wins Ayars Award

First place for writing the best children's book, the Rebecca Caudill Ayars Award named for the famous alumnae author, went to Laura Lowe, announced Miss Ann Munck, of the English department. Second, and Peer Award, was won by Harriet Mayo, and third by Wanda Strickland. Special awards were won by Janet M. Israel, Derrill Dunn, and Beth Walker.

Present Plays

A modern version of "Lysistrata" was produced by the Drama Department in late April with Dr. Constance Ruys directing and George W. McKinney as technical director. Donna Cook was the militant woman of Athens. Earlier, the department presented "The Pied Piper of Hamelin", in association with the Macon Junior League. The play, attended by hundreds of Macon school children, was directed by Mr. McKinney.

School in Mexico

The summer of 1971 Wesleyan College will again cooperate with the Instituto Tecnológico Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico, in offering a six-week summer session on the campus of "Monterrey Tec", from July 11 to August 19. Prof. Edward O. Lawhorn, department of Modern Languages at Wesleyan, will direct and be accompanied by his wife.

Phi Kappa Phi Elects

Mrs. Ruth Slentz, outgoing president of Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society, was presented a citation for outstanding service at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan chapter. Students initiated were Cathy Coxey, Lynn Golson, Deborah Hall, Toni Jennings, Susan Lowe, Jane Magrath, Harriet Mayo, Joyce Rice, and Susan Spruill. Dr. Leon J. Villard is new president, Dr. Reginald Reindorp president-elect, and Miss Virginia Johnson public relations officer. Dr. Hasell La Borde, academic dean of Macon Junior College, spoke on "Life in Afghanistan."

Applaud McCambridge

Mercedes McCambridge, actress-lecturer, appeared at Porter auditorium April 19. Because of the enthusiastic student reception of her program she was invited to return to campus for Project '72, and is scheduled for January 24-25.

Knights and Crafts

First place in crafts was won by Joel Plum of our Art Department, at the second annual Warner Robins Arts and Craft Show in May. Katy Bryant, a senior student, received honorable mention.

The ceramics class, accompanied by Mr. Plum, did Raku firing and demonstrations during the week of the Atlanta Arts Festival in Piedmont Park.

Mr. Plum attended the annual meeting of the National Council for Education in the Ceramic Arts in Toronto, Canada, in April. Two students, Kasse Andrews and Dianne New, both from Thomaston, Ga., accompanied him.

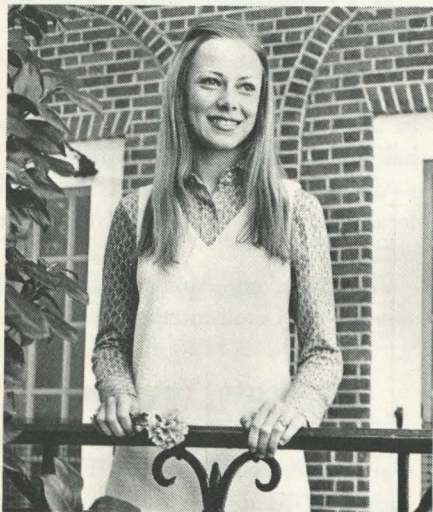
The Green Knights class has elected Mr. Plum their sponsor.

Is Belk Speaker

Dr. William J. Hinson, formerly at Wesleyan and now professor of Religion at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas, was Belk Lecturer April 6.

Mirror, Mirror

Orders are being received in the Alumnae Office for the handsome trumeau, a mirror topped by a painting of the Original Building (Old Wesleyan), done on reverse glass with silver-goldleaf frame, pictured in the last alumnae magazine. Measuring 15" by 28", the trumeau is priced at \$35; the painting, alone, 10" by 15", is \$22. Add tax and postage in ordering.



Outstanding in USA (see p. 3)

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